



Country Profile: Cyprus

Since 1974, Cyprus, a Mediterranean island nation, has been divided de fact into a government-controlled area comprising the southern two-thirds of the island, and a northern third (the self-declared "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus"), administered by Turkish Cypriots. The United States does not recognize the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" nor does any country other than Turkey. Facilities for tourism in Cyprus are highly developed. Cyprus joined the European Union in 2004. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Cyprus for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Cyprus
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	Nicosia
Boundary Countries:	Akrotiri, Dhekelia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Icosia: Apollonion Private Hospital, Evangelistria Medical Centre, Hippocrateon Private Hospital, Lycavitos Clinic Pafos: Evangelismos Hospital, St.George's Private Hospital
Main Cities:	Nicosia, Paphos, Polis, Lamaka
Country Size:	9,250 sq km
Population:	784,301

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Greek, Turkish, English
Currency:	Republic of Cyprus: Cypriot Pound (CYP); Turkish Cypriot area: Turkish New Lira (YTL)
Predominant Religions:	Greek Orthodox 78%, Muslim 18%, Maronite, Armenian Apostolic and other 4%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 1 October (1960); note- Turkish Cypriots celebrate 15 November (1983) as Independence Day
Economic Status:	Since 1974, Cyprus, a developed Mediterranean island nation, has been divided de facto into a Greek Cypriot government-controlled area comprising the southern two-thirds of the island, and a northern third, (the self-declared "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus"), administered by Turkish Cypriots.
Security:	Republic of Cyprus: Greek Cypriot National Guard (GCNG; includes air and naval elements); north Cyprus: Turkish Cypriot Security Force (GKK)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Nicosia Metochiou & Ploutarchou Street 2407, Engomi Nicosia, Cyprus Telephone: 357-22-393939
Major Airports:	Airports: 16, Airports w/paved runways: 13 Paphos International Airport (PFO/LCPH) Paphos Airport,Cyprus,Paphos 8320,CYPRUS Tel: +357 2680 1800 Fax: +357 2624 0531 Customs, hours:24 hours Tel: +357 2624 0531

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